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On 7/18/61 SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL received a typewritten report dated 7/16/61 from DL-6-S. This report has been serialized as 134-1A-607.

Informant determined on 7/16/61 that JOE LANDIN attended a meeting at the home of FRANK MEDRANO, the others that were present were, FRANK MEDRANO, JIM STRIPLING, IDA MORENO, LAWRENCE HOCIBERG, HANK HAYER, J. O. GARCIA and MARY LEE CASTRO. The meeting was held for the purpose of making plans to organize the Latin American people. The people present realizes there was an urgent need for the Latin-American people to be more politically conscious. Labor people especially realize the lack of interest most of these people have in labor unions, in fact, their experiences have been that these people, in the majority, are against the unions. They admitted that their lack of opportunity, brainwashing had created in them this attitude. All of them, especially STRIPLING and HAYER are willing to do whatever is required, starting from whatever level to help these 42,000 people help themselves to a better education. (Recently STRIPLING tried to unionize the Baker Hotel and failed.)

HAYER, HOCIBERG and STRIPLING asked J. O. GARCIA questions about the Latin-American people. And he answered them as well as he could. GARCIA, who never lived in the Latin-American community, doesn't speak Spanish and really did not know much about the Latin-American community. He admitted later that he had made a mistake in the past and that was when he thought that he could be more successful if he isolated himself from the Mexican-American community. GARCIA said that he would run for State representative.

Labor people like CECO MULLINAX, OSCAR MAUZY, STRIPLING and HAYER, have pledged their support to him.

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Informant further determined they discussed the organizations in the Latin-American community. Mr. STRIPLING thought that JIMMY TRUJILLO in West Dallas headed one group, while ALBERT GONZALEZ headed another in North Dallas. IDA MORENO and JOE LANDIN explained to the group that actually there was not an organization of Latin-Americans. TRUJILLO and GONZALEZ had no following whatsoever, in fact, they had gotten their positions because some of the people in the present meeting had definitely helped them to attain them. LANDIN added that both of them had no formal education and they could not speak neither Spanish or English. They really did not present a problem. Both of them had behaved in such a way that the people that they knew no longer respected them.

STRIPLING stated that this facilitated matters, which meant that they did not need no one to bring these two groups together - since they did not exist.

GARCIA proposed that the group plan for a dinner and dance in honor of Senator HENRY B. GONZALEZ. The Senator, he added, was in a hole for \$5,000 - he had spent way too much in the senatorial race. They could help him with some funds and having him as a speaker at the dinner and dance would get many of the people together and the effort to organize them would be made then.

FRANK MEDRANO was named to get the dance hall and in charge of selling the tickets. MARY LEE CASTRO and IDA MORENO are in charge of preparing the food, JOE LANDIN is in charge of the publicity, while RUDY VILLASANA, HANK MAYER, LARRY ROCHBERG will head the finance committee.

Informant determined that STRIPLING had this to say about Cuba. He pointed out that while CASTRO was leaning toward communism now, it was not true that his revolution was communist inspired, the truth was that our government had control of the Cuban economy and the Cubans were starving. He added that the American people had been so brainwashed that they believed that CASTRO was all to blame and were for the invasion of Cuba. JOE said that he noted that the CIA and the State Department were criticized not because they helped to plan the invasion - but because the invasion failed! He realized that speaking out like this was unpopular and his attitude was one of keeping quite in discussing unpopular subjects. He told them how he had lost a friend because he had written a poem honoring CASTRO when CASTRO was popular. The friend was GILBERT GARCIA, State Chairman of the Forum. He added that Forum founder, Dr. HECTOR GARCIA, had written in the Forum's newspaper that the Mexican-American people stood by whatever KENNEDY did in the Cuban situation. No one seemed to care that they

were lied to in the U-2 plane incident and also in the invasion of Cuba. STRIPING said it was a shame but it was best to remain silent on unpopular subjects. HANK said Dallas was a hellish hole to live in. Mrs. CASTRO asked him to explain. He said that you could not go to a restaurant with a colored person, many people were underpaid and the shacks that some of the Latin-Americans live in were not fit for pigs to live in - in the state where he came from.

The dinner and dance affair for the Senator will be in the last of August. GARCIA is waiting for the Senator to confirm his commitment to be here in August. After the confirmation, is received the publicity and the ticket-selling will start. After the meeting, IDA, HARRY LEE, FRANK and JOE discussed J. O. GARCIA. They concluded that while GARCIA was not all they would like for him to be, and in spite of his past mistakes plus the fact that he was supported by labor and seemed to be honest, with good intentions, they would support him in every way they could.

Informant had no additional information.

On Saturday morning 7/15/61, JOE LANDIN distributed the following notices to the Sunday meeting. He left some of the notices at barber shops, stores and a gas station:

"You are invited to attend a community meeting at my home - 2346 Douglas at 1 P.M.

"There will go a discussion of different subjects. For instance, we can discuss the 'Slaughter Switch' railroad crossing at Rondo and Harry Hines Blvd. This crossing has claimed too many lives in too short a time.

"We can discuss unemployment, higher education ... the unjust use of the Electric Chair - or any other problem or subject you would like to bring up.

"The time indeed is here when we should get together to discuss our common problems - perhaps organize to better ourselves, our neighbors - our community and our city.

"So come on along, bring a friend, and join in the discussion or just listen.

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"Remember Sunday, July 16th, at Frank Medrano's
home 2346 Douglas - LA8-7808 - and remember
the time: 1 P.M.

FRANK MEDRANO

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